THE MINISTER OF FINANCE & MINISTER OF COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Action to set up a Tariff Commission has been initiated.

(c) The terms of reference of the Commission are yet to be finalised.

Cancellation of filights from Rajahmundry and Vijayawada

3555. SHRI SOLIPETA RAMACHANDRA REDDY:
DR. MOHAN BABU:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for cancellation of flights from Rajahmundry and Vijayawada;

(b) whether the services will be restored; and

(c) by when the work for upgradation of Rajahmundry and Vijayawada airports are to be taken up?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM): (a) Vayudoot operations to Rajahmundry and Vijaywada were discontinued due to commercial and operational constraints.

(b) Indian Airlines has at present no plans to restore operations to Rajahmundry and Vijayawada. Private operations to Rajahmundry and Vijayawada. Private operators, however, are encouraged tc add more stations in their network including Vijayawada and Rajahmundry.

(c) Airports Authority of India has plans to upgrade Vijayawada Airport and the work is expected to be awarded during the last quarter of 1996-97.

Dumping of Newsprint

3556. SHRIMATI JAYAPRADA NAHATA:
SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whetehr the paper mills based on agricultural residues have expressed serious concern over the dumping of the newsprint in the country;

(b) whether the Indian Agro Paper Mills Association (IAMPA) has asked Government that actual user condition should be immediately reimposed on newsprint imports;

(c) whether they excressed that newsprint should be made available duty free only to newspaper publishers;

(d) if so, by when the demands of IAPMA are likely to be accepted; and

(e) whether Government propose to bring any changes in the newsprint policy?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM): (a) to (e) The information is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the House.

Secrecy of 'Monsoon Magic Offer' by Air India

3557. SHRI RAM RATAN RAM: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is customary for airlines to keep their attractive offers secret and selective when they are deloped;

(b) the reson for Air India keeping its 'Monsoon Magic' offer secret till date June, 1996;

(c) whether because of such mess Air India is getting bad name and several of its loyal customers are drifting away from Air India;